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SUBJ: YUGOSLAVIAN PRESIDENT TITO VISITS LIBYA

SUMMARY: TITO ARRIVED JAN. 18, FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT.
LIBYAN AND YUGOSLAVS HELD TALKS IMMEDIATELY UPON
ARRIVAL. HASTILY CATTED STATE DINNER HELD SAME
EVENING. TITO'S SPEECH CALLING FOR MODERATION,
COOPERATION AND MEPC CONTRASTED WITH COL. QADHAFI'S
LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR MEPC. TITO WILL CUT SHORT
VISIT BECAUSE OF DEATH OF HIS PM. END SUMMARY.

1. YUGOSLAV PRESIDENT JOSIP DROZ TITO ARRIVED IN
TRIPOLI JAN. 18, FOR A FOUR DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO
LIBYA. TITO WAS GREETED UPON HIS ARRIVAL AT TRIPOLI'S
OKBA BEN NAFE AIR FORCE BASE BY RCC CHAIRMAN COL.

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QADHAFI, PM JALLUD, ARMED FORCES COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
COL. ABU BAKR YOUNES JABER, COMMANDER OF STAFF LT.
COL. MUSTAFA KHARROUBI, RCC CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF
MAJ. KHAWALDI HUMAYDI, HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS
AND OTHER LIBYAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. PRESS REPORTS
"HUGE" CROWDS OF LIBYANS AND MEMBERS OF YUGOSLAV
COMMUNITY GATHERED TO GREET PRESIDENT TITO.

2. YUGOSLAV PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT ECHOED WITH THIRD WORLD POLITICAL RHETORIC ACCUSING REACTIONARY AND IMPERIALIST FORCES OF CREATING TROUBLE AND DISPUTES IN THE AREA. HE REPORTEDLY STATED IT IS THEREFORE "NATURAL THAT LAR AND YUGOSLAVIA SHOULD CONSULT EACH OTHER WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF THEIR JOINT ACTIVITY FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND COOPERATION IN VIEW OF THEIR ATTACHMENT TO THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS MOVEMENT." TITO EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT HIS VISIT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THIS END. HE ALSO PRAISED SUCCESSES OF PAST LIBYAN-YUGOSLAVIAN COOPERATION.

3. PRESS INDICATED BOTH SIDES BEGAN SUBSTANTATIVE TALKS WITHIN HOURS OF TITO'S ARRIVAL. DISCUSSIONS REPORTEDLY CENTERED ON LIBYA'S RELATIONS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS AND ITS POSITION ON ISRAEL AND MEPC.

4. DURING HASTILY ARRANGED STATE DINNER EVENING OF HIS ARRIVAL (DIPLOMATIC MISSION HEADS WERE GIVEN SHORT NOTICE OF THIS APPARENTLY UNSCHEDULED EVENT), COL. QADHAFI PRAISED NON-ALIGNED POLICIES OF YUGOSLAVIA. HE CLAIMED THERE WAS A DANGER THREATENING EUROPE AND MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES AND CALLED FOR NEUTRALIZING THE REGION. HE STATED THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE UNLESS EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WERE FREE OF NATO INFLUENCE. QADHAFI ALSO RELATED PALESTINIAN PROBLEM TO TENSIONS IN AREA.

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5. DISAGREEMENT OF LIBYA AND YUGOSLAVIA OVER MEPC WERE HIGHLIGHTED BY COL. QADHAFI'S STATEMENT THAT WHILE HE RESPECTED THE YUGOSLAVIAN POSITION ON GENEVA AND SUPPORT OF THE PLO PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA TALKS, HE DOUBTED ANY POSITIVE OUTCOME OF TALKS. HE STATED HIS BELIEF THAT FORCES OF "IMPERIALISM ARE ATTEMPTING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PRESENT SITUATION TO ATTAIN THEIR OWN GOALS, AND IN THIS CONTEXT CRITICIZED CERTAIN ARAB COUNTRIES." QADHAFI SAID HE WAS NOT AGAINST EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH PEACE, BUT THOUGHT NO TRUE EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF PROBLEM. HE FURTHER CRITICIZED IMPERIALISTS ATTEMPTS TO "ENSLAVE" THE REGION, AND WARNED OF PROGRESSIVE FORCES ABILITY TO DEFEND THEMSELVES.

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6. PRESIDENT TITO DELIVERED SPEECH EMPHASIZING NEED
FOR NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS FOR WORLD
PEACE AND COOPERATION. TITO REITERATED PREVIOUS
PRAISE OF LIBYAN-YUGOSLAV COOPERATION. IN AN
OBVIOUS APPEAL TO COL. QADHAFI, THE YUGOSLAV PRESI-
DENT STRESSED THAT "UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION
ARE MORE NECESSARY AS SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST
AND WIDER REGION TO WHICH OUR TWO COUNTRIES ALSO
BELONG, CONSTITUTES A FOCUS FRAUGHT WITH DANGER TO
PEACE IN THE WORLD." TITO CLAIMED RECENT EVENTS IN
LEBANON DEMONSTRATED PLOT OF REACTIONARY CIRCLES
AGAINST ARAB UNITY AND PROGRESS. HE RESTATED YUGO-
SLAVIA'S SUPPORT OF THE CONVENING OF MEPC IN GENEVA
UNDER U.N. AUSPICES, ATTENDED IN A LL ITS STAGES BY
THE PLO. TITO CALLED FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM
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LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS, INCLUDING RIGHT
TO FORM A STATE. TITO ALSO CRITICIZED ISRAEL AND
"THE FORCES WHICH SUPPORT IT IN ATTEMPTS TO BLOCK
PLO PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA." TITO THEN STATED

HIS BELIEF THAT ARAB UNITY AND SOLIDARITY WERE
PRE-CONDITIONS FOR THE SUCCESS OF THEIR ACTIONS.
HE STATED JOINT INITIATIVES OF THE COUNTRIES OF
REGION WERE NECESSARY FOR THE DEFENSE OF THEIR OWN
INTERESTS.

COMMENT: COL. QADHAFI'S OPPOSITION TO MEPC HAS
APPARENTLY NOT BEEN CHANGED, BUT PERHAPS OUT OF
DEFERENCE TO RESPECTED GUEST HE FRAMED HIS OBJECTION
TO SOMEWHAT MORE MODERATE TERMS. HE BROADENED HIS
EXPLANATION FOR OPPOSITION TO MEPC, CLAIMING HIS
OPPOSITION WAS BASED ON BELIEF CONFERENCE WILL FAIL.
QUESTION ARISES WHETHER QADHAFI WOULD CHANGE POSITION
IF CONVINCED OF CONFERENCES'S POSSIBLE SUCCESS.
SOMETHING WE DOUBT.

TITO CUT SHORT VISIT AND RETURNED TO BELGRADE FOR
FUNERAL OF HIS PRIME MINISTER DZEMAL BIJEDIC AND HIS
WIFE.
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